



# THE SHOOTING STAR



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## Principal's Corner

There are several topics of importance that I need to address this week. Please read through the letter and check the website for more information.

1. Testing for 8th grade ELA is Monday and Tuesday from 8:00-10:00.  
Testing for 5th grade science is Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 - 10:00.  
Testing for 7th grade ELA is Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 - 10:00.

You were mailed letters explaining the testing security regarding cell phones or other electronics. We will be taking these devices and holding them in the office until the daily testing has been completed. Makeup testing will be Friday.

2. Kelly Marsh, parent volunteer coordinator, sent an email last week asking all who have volunteered to bring their hours up to date. Looking at our reports, we see we have 500 hours less volunteer time recorded this year. We are hoping this is due more to the fact that not all families have recorded their hours than to a decrease in the number of volunteers. Volunteers are so important to all schools, but particularly to charter schools. We still have a few events left for which you could volunteer. Please check out the volunteer sign-up page and the events calendar for opportunities. If you haven't put your hours in, please stop by the office and do so. We will be having a volunteer recognition event in May for those who have volunteered 25 or more hours. Last Thursday I was privileged to attend the county-wide volunteer recognition dinner with Kelly Marsh, our Outstanding Adult Volunteer winner and Fred Thibault, our Outstanding Senior volunteer winner. It was a lovely evening catered by Chef Paul of Mattison's with over 400 people in attendance. Although she was nominated by Oak Park School, I want to recognize one of our parents, Dawn Hair (mother of Brianna Hair, 7th grade). She was the district award winner for a local business. Through her restaurant, The Broken Egg on Clark Road, she has reached out to and supported the students at Oak Park. Congratulations, Dawn! Kelly, and Fred, thank you so much for your volunteer help for SAA. We will recognize all the other outstanding volunteers we have in May. In the meantime, please know you are so appreciated for your support of SAA students and faculty.

3. Everyone should have received information about the end-of-year trips. Please remember that this a reward trip for all the hard work the students have done. With that comes the restriction that students must maintain good grades and behavior in order to go. Specifics were sent home for each grade. If a parent is planning to

## Upcoming Dates:

**Be sure to check the [SAA Calendar](#) on the school website frequently as that has the most current information!**

- 4/13/15 - 8th Grade FSA ELA
- 4/14/15 - 8th Grade FSA ELA and 5th Grade Science
- 4/15/15 - 7th Grade FSA ELA
- 4/16/15 - 7th Grade FSA ELA
- 4/16/15 - K - 2nd Field Trip to Venetian Gardens
- 4/16/15 - Art Fair from 4:30pm—6:30pm
- 4/16/15 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
- 4/18/15 - Rays vs. Yankees Spirit Night



chaperone, remember that you must be activated in PALS and must have a Level 2 clearance (which requires fingerprinting). Please allow enough time for these to be approved.

4. Tickets are on sale in the administrative office for all K-5 shows. You will need to pay for them when you choose your seats. The cost is \$10.00 (cash or check only) and once sold will not be refunded or exchanged. There are plenty of seats available, but reserve them early if you need a large number or front rows. Everyone must have a ticket for a specific seat to enter the theater. Tickets will be available for sale the night of the performances as well as daily at school. Go to the Players' Theatre website or call their box office to purchase tickets for Once Upon a Mattress.

5. The Art students will display their work Thursday evening during the PTO meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Please check the flyer sent home by Mrs. Quattro and the website for more information. Come see what your children can do!

6. We are considering a summer reading camp during the month of July. Please let us know if you would be interested. It would run mornings only and there will be a small fee.

Have a great week!

### Book Fair - April 22nd (8:00am– 6:00pm)

Save the date for the upcoming book fair!

We will need lots of volunteers all day long, as well as a few hours the evening before to help with set-up. If you can assist on either day, please go to the Volunteer Spot link provided.



### PTO Meeting - April 16th @ 6:00pm

Please join us at our next PTO this coming Thursday. We will be discussing the responsibilities of the PTO, and going over officer job descriptions. If you would like to become an active member in our PTO, please contact Jill Hutton prior to the meeting. Her email is [JillHutton10@gmail.com](mailto:JillHutton10@gmail.com).

We always need help and would love to see more of our families attend these meetings and become more involved with SAA! It's a great way to learn firsthand about what's happening at SAA.